flange beneath any forwardly projecting portion aligned therewith on the laptop cover **18**.

From the foregoing, it will be appreciated that a highly effective light source has been provided for laptop computers, the light source being usable under all circumstances and, being independently powered, presenting no demands on the computer power supply itself. Further, the compact nature of the portable light in its stored position makes it easily carried, for example in a small pouch or case, which in turn allows the user to actually avail himself of multiple interchangeable battery packs, thus allowing continued use of the computer should one battery pack run down.

The foregoing is considered illustrative of the principles of the invention. As variations and related embodiments may occur to those skilled in the art, it is to be appreciated the invention, and all suitable modifications and equivalents, are only to be limited by the scope of the claims following hereinafter.

I claim:

1. A portable light comprising a battery pack and a light assembly, mounting means on said battery pack for selectively receiving and positioning said light assembly on said battery pack with said light assembly extending laterally from said battery pack in a use position, and storage means on said light assembly for selectively receiving and storing said battery pack on said light assembly with said battery pack extending linearly relative to said light assembly in a stored position; said light assembly comprising a reflector with an outer wall, a rear wall and opposed end walls defining an open face opposed to said outer wall, means for mounting a bulb within said reflector for projection of illumination through said open face, an elongate mounting panel generally coplanar with said reflector outer wall and extending rearwardly beyond said rear wall of said reflector, said mounting panel, in said use position, extending transversely across said battery pack and engaging said mounting means with said reflector being positioned in spaced relation to a side of said battery pack; said battery pack comprising a battery chamber, opposed first and second face walls, opposed first and second side walls, and opposed first and second end walls, said mounting means comprising slot means on said first end wall for slidably receiving said mounting panel positioned transversely to said battery pack.

2. The portable light of claim **1** wherein said mounting panel includes opposed longitudinal edges, said slot means comprising opposed slots slidably receiving said opposed longitudinal edges.

3. The portable light of claim **2** including a latching panel on said light assembly extending rearwardly relative to said rear wall of said reflector generally parallel to said mounting panel, said latching panel being of lessor length than said mounting panel and laterally spaced therefrom to define a rearwardly opening storage pocket comprising said storage means, said battery pack, in said stored position, being generally linearly aligned with said light assembly immediately below said mounting panel and with one of battery pack end walls, and an adjacent portion of said battery pack, received within said storage pocket.

4. The portable light of claim **3** including electrical contact means on said battery pack first end wall and on said light assembly mounting panel for electrical contact and power transfer upon reception of said mounting panel in said slot means.

5. The portable light of claim **4** wherein said battery pack includes a storage compartment separate from said battery chamber.

6. The portable light of claim **5** wherein said battery pack includes an openable closure panel for selective access to said battery chamber and said storage compartment.

7. A portable light comprising a battery pack and a light assembly, mounting means for selectively receiving and positioning said light assembly on said battery pack with said light assembly extending laterally from said battery pack in a use position, and storage means for selectively receiving and storing said battery pack on said light assembly with said battery pack extending linearly relative to said light assembly in a stored position; said light assembly comprising a reflector with an outer wall, a rear wall and opposed end walls defining an open face opposed to said outer wall, means for mounting a bulb within said reflector for projection of illumination through said open face, an elongate mounting panel generally coplanar with said reflector outer wall and extending rearwardly beyond said rear wall of said reflector, said mounting panel, in said use position, extending transversely across said battery pack with said reflector being positioned in spaced relation to a side of said battery pack, and a latching panel on said light assembly extending rearwardly relative to said rear wall of said reflector generally parallel to said mounting panel, said latching panel being of lessor length than said mounting panel and laterally spaced therefrom to define a latching member for cooperation with said battery pack in mounting said portable light on a structure to be illuminated.

8. A portable light for use on and as an illumination means for a laptop computer and the like having an upwardly positionable cover with a front face, a rear face, and an outer top edge with a laterally projecting portion; said portable light comprising a battery pack adapted to parallel the rear face of the cover, and a light assembly, mounting means for selectively receiving and positioning said light assembly on said battery pack with said light assembly extending laterally from said battery pack in a use position to extend over the top edge and beyond the front face of the cover, said light assembly comprising a reflector with an outer wall, a rear wall and opposed end walls defining an open face opposed to said outer wall, means for mounting a bulb within said reflector for projection of illumination through said open face, an elongate mounting panel generally coplanar with said reflector outer wall and extending rearwardly beyond said rear wall of said reflector, said mounting panel, in said use position, extending transversely across said battery pack and engaged thereto by said mounting means, said reflector being positioned in spaced relation to a side of said battery pack and including a latching panel extending rearwardly from said rear wall of said reflector generally parallel to said mounting panel, said latching panel being of lessor length than said mounting panel and laterally spaced therefrom to define a latching member for cooperation with said battery pack in mounting said portable light on a structure to be illuminated.

9. The portable light of claim **8** wherein said battery pack comprising a battery chamber, opposed first and second face walls, opposed first and second side walls, and opposed first and second end walls, said mounting means comprising slot means on said first end wall for